

Conversion Mechanism to Add Certification in Teacher Leadership through Valdosta State University

Entry Criteria

Individuals who hold a degree in Teacher Leadership or a related field and who wish to acquire certification in Teacher Leadership at Valdosta State University must meet the following criteria:

1. Submit proof of holding a clear and renewable Georgia certification.
2. Submit an official transcript of an advanced degree received within the last 10 years in a field related to Teacher Leadership. The degree must be from a program that is approved or accepted by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC).

Evaluation Process

1. An applicant who meets criteria 1 and 2 above should submit documentation of meeting the criteria to the Certification Officer in the Dewar College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) along with the Conversion Mechanism Evaluation Request form, the required documents, the fee payment, and a letter requesting to enroll in the clinical residency courses for the purpose of meeting the conversion mechanism criteria for Teacher Leadership.
2. Completed packets will be forwarded to the Department of Teacher Education by the Certification Officer. The program coordinator for the Ed.S. in Teacher Leadership will review an applicant's documents and determine eligibility for enrollment in clinical residency courses. The applicant will be notified of the decision.

Application and Requirements

Once eligibility is established, the student should do the following:

1. Apply to the Graduate School and be accepted to complete the clinical residency requirements as a non-degree seeking student. The application should include the Administrator Assurance form signed by an administrator of the applicant's school.
2. Provide evidence of meeting GaPSC Teacher Leadership standards by enrolling in and satisfactorily completing the following clinical residency courses: EDET 8020 (3 hr), EDET 8040 (3 hr), EDET 8050 (3 hr). Each clinical course consists of two major projects that involve leadership of colleagues. The EDET 8880 Capstone Course (3 hr) is recommended to be taken but not required.
3. Meet the Georgia state-approved content assessment requirement in the area of Teacher Leadership which is currently the *GACE in Teacher Leadership*. This assessment is administered by the Educational Testing Service, is performance-based, and requires completion of six specified tasks and submission of reports on those tasks. See http://gace.ets.org/teacher_leadership/about/tasks_requirements/

Please note: A transcript review does not guarantee eligibility for certification.

Educators who successfully complete the clinical coursework and who pass the GACE in Teacher Leadership will then be recommended for Teacher Leadership certification.